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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the abstract on page 14 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention is directed to a A suture clip with stop ribs and method for making same is provided. The clip includes a housing having an outer surface, and a pair of jaws extending longitudinally from the housing in an opposing relationship to each other. A resilient pad is carried by one of the jaws and defines with the outer surface of the housing a shutoff cavity. At least one rib extends longitudinally of the housing and across the cavity to inhibit any undesirable passage of the suture into the cavity. ~~In another aspect, the surgical clip includes a housing with an inner member and an outer member having a telescoping relationship. A first jaw extends from the inner member outwardly of the housing and has a first inner surface. A second jaw extends from the outer member outwardly of the housing and has a second inner surface. At least one first rib extends from the first inner surface toward the second inner surface, and at least one second rib extends from the second inner surface toward the first inner surface. These ribs have a non-interfering relationship when the jaws are in the closed position. In another aspect, the invention includes a method for making a surgical clip having a housing formed of telescoping members each with an outer surface. First and second opposing jaws are associated with the telescoping members, one of which is molded with its associated jaw in a first mold. During the first molding step, at least one rib is molded onto the first jaw to extend from the outer surface of the associated member along the first jaw. During the second molding step, a mold shutoff is seated against the first jaw and the at least one rib to form a mold cavity for a pad that was molded onto the first jaw.~~